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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kevin E. Weddington

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-17 and 19-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-17 and 19-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Claims 2-17 and 19-30 are presented for examination.

Applicants' request for continued examination filed November 1, 2004; the amendment and terminal disclaimer filed July 27, 2004 have been received and entered.

Accordingly, the rejection made under 35 USC 101 double patenting cannot be overcome by the submission of a terminal disclaimer, however, since the claims were amended to overcome the 35 USC 101 double patenting rejection and the newly amended claims would raise an obviousness-type double patent, then the submission of the terminal disclaimer to overcome a (future) obviousness-type double patenting is okay. The rejection made under 35 USC 102(b) as set forth in the previous Office action dated April 28, 2004 at page 3 is hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

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Applicants' specification does not contain any written description showing the claimed subject matter showing a the two enzyme-anchor complex composition comprising:

- a) first enzyme-anchor complex comprising a first enzyme and an anchor selected fro its ability to attach to a surface on or proximal the biofilm structure; and
- b) second enzyme-anchor complex comprising a second enzyme different from the first and an anchor selected for its ability to attach to a surface on or proximal the biofilm structure.

Claim 30 is not allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 2-17 and 19-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Attention is directed to In re Wands, 8 USQP2d 1400 (Fed. Cir., 1988) where the court set forth factors to consider when assessing whether or not a disclosure would require undue experimentation. These factors are:

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- 1) the quantity of experimentation necessary
- 2) the amount of direction or guidance provided
- 3) the presence or absence of working examples
- 4) the nature of the invention
- 5) the state of the art
- 6) the relative skill of those in the art
- 7) the predictability of the art and
- 8) the breadth of the claims.

The instant specification fails to provide guidance that would allow the skilled artisan background sufficient to practice the instant invention without resorting to undue experimentation in view of further discussion below.

The nature of the invention, state of the prior art, relative skill of those in the art and the predictability of the art

The claimed invention relates to a two enzyme-anchor complex composition comprising;

- a) a first enzyme-anchor complex comprising a first enzyme to dismantle the biofilm structure to produce biofilm components and/or byproducts and an anchor selected for its ability to attach to a surface on or proximal the biofilm structure; and
- b) a second enzyme-anchor complex comprising a second enzyme different from the first enzyme that has the ability to act upon the biofilm components and/or byproducts and an anchor selected for its ability to attach to a surface on or proximal the biofilm structure.

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The relative skill of those in the art is generally that of a Ph.D. or M.D.

The present invention or composition is unpredictable unless experimentation is shown for the actual combination of the two individual enzyme components.

The breadth of the claims

The claims are very broad and inclusive to all and any two individual enzyme-anchor complexes combined together into a single composition.

The amount of direction or guidance provided and the presence or absence of working examples

There are no actual working examples showing the combination of the first enzyme-anchor complex with the second enzyme-anchor complex disclosed in claims 2-17, 19, and 21-29.

The specification mainly discloses assay procedures for synthesized anchor enzyme complexes.

The quantity of experimentation necessary

The level of experimentation needed to determine the combination of two individual enzyme-anchor complexes into a single composition is undue.

Claims 2-17 and 19-30 are not allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

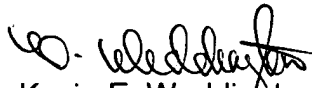
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin E. Weddington whose telephone number is (571)272-0587. The examiner can normally be reached on 11:00 am-7:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571)272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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